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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH, 1875.

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[PRICE \$21 PER MONTH.]

Arrivals.

November 26, YANTZEE, British ship, 783, E. Schulze, Canton 25th November, gone.
Salman & Co.
November 26, Haze, American ship, 382, Wilkinson, Nagasaki, November 8th.
Cools—JARDINE, MATHERSON & Co.
November 26, GUNA, French steamer, 797, Gartes, Saigon, 21st November, General LANDSTEIN & Co.

Clearances.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE,
NOVEMBER 20TH.
Caribou, str., for Swatow.
Leonor, str., for Amoy.
Irene, for Takao.
Monsoon, for Whampoa.

Departures.

November 26, FUNG SHUN, str., for Shantou.
November 26, PRESTO, for Whampoa.
November 26, CAYDOR CASTLE, str., for Shanghai.
November 26, ASTA, for Saigon.
November 26, MADAGASCAR, str., for Bangkok.
November 26, Ixo, for Bangkok.

Passengers.

ARRIVED.
Per Gunja, str., from Saigon—
60 Chinese.
TO DEPART.
Per Caribou, str., for Swatow—
350 Chinese.

Reports.

The American ship *Esopus* left Nagasaki on 21st November, and experienced moderate winds, mostly from the N.E. and Easterly, and fine weather throughout the passage.

The French steamship *Gunga* reports left Saigon on 21st November, and had strong winds soon all the passage. Passed the steamer *Mecox* on Monday, off Cape Padavon, bound to Hongkong, from Saigon on the 20th.

Vessels that have arrived in Europe
from Ports in China, Japan and
Manila.
(Per last Mail's Advice)
Vessels. From Date of Arrival.
Lyra, Manila, October 15.
Ulysses (e.), China Porta, October 15.

Vessels Expected at Hongkong.
(Corresponded Date.)
Vessel Name. From Dates
Lancaster, London April 28.
Lancaster, Cardiff, Moh. 29.
Prins Louis, Cardiff, May 3.
Robert Cook, Falmouth May 3.
Birket, London June 26.
Coldstream, London June 30.
Minnesota, Charleston (U.S.) June 30.
Iris, Hamburg July 7.
J. Christian, Cardiff, July 7.
Archibald, Cardiff, July 18.
Alfred, Cardiff, July 18.
Gustav Adolf, Hamburg, July 23.
Alfred, Cardiff, July 23.
Baron, Cardiff, July 24.
Hopewell, London, July 30.
Stefano, Cardiff, July 30.
Lea, Penang, July 30.
Fyen, Hamburg, August 11.
Hamburg (allied), Antwerp, August 11.
Sarah Nicholson, Cardiff, August 17.
Paradise, Cardiff, August 20.
Marina, London, Sept. 4.
Iphigenia, Hamburg, Sept. 4.
Caroline Magnus, Rio Janeiro, Sept. 4.
Christian, Cardiff, Sept. 18.
Auguste, Cardiff, Sept. 18.
Globe, Portland O., Sept. 24.
Pioneer, Hamburg, Sept. 25.
Sir H. Parkes, London, Sept. 25.
Carrie, London, Oct. 4.
Herman, Cardiff, October 6.
Montgomeryshire (e.), London, October 7.
Ferdinand, Cardiff, October 13.
Esmaralda, Cardiff, October 14.

Auction Sales To-day.

None.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at Current Rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company,
Hongkong, 28th October, 1874.

YANG-TSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$900,000 TALES.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, at current rates. Premiums of one per cent. for an interest dividend of 1½% for shareholders on Capital, and thereafter distributed among Policy Holders annually, in cash. ALL the profits of the Underwriting Business *pro rata* to amount of premium contributed.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY AT HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES to the extent of \$85,000, on first-class risks at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$60,000 on any one FIRST-CLASS RISK.

A RETURN OF TWENTY PER CENT. (20%) will be made on the premium charged on Insurance, and Bearer being payable on the issue of the Policy.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept risks against Fire of covered risks, subject to a bonus of 20 per cent.

SABESSEN & Co.,
Agents.

LONDON AND ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE OFFICE.

137, LEADENHALL STREET, LONDON.

Agents.

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept risks against Fire of covered risks, subject to a bonus of 20 per cent.

SABESSEN & Co.,
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HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Siam, Peking, Canton, Foochow, Ningpo, and other principal Cities, and Places of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above-mentioned Ports.

No charge for Policy fees.

JAS. B. COUGHTRETT, Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1874.

To be Let.

TO LET.
THE HOUSES No. 3, 5, 7, and 9, Wan Terrace. Apply to J. P. DA COSTA, 1m 16th Hongkong, 1st November, 1875.

To Let.

THE PREMISES lately occupied by THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, Queen's Road. Apply to G. FALCONER, 1st 1070, Hongkong, 7th July, 1874.

To Let.

HOME HOUSES on PEDDAR'S HILL, No. 2, SEYMOUR TERRACE, No. 7, GARDEN ROAD, known as HAMPSTEAD.

Apply to DAVID SAUSSON, SONS & Co., 152 Hongkong, 4th October, 1875.

To Let.

(With Possession on the 1st November.) THE HOUSES and ANTIQUES situated on the Bonham Road, lately in the occupation of R. JENSEN, Esq., and now of P. KARBERG, Esq., Good Stabling, Gas and Water laid on.

Apply to E. SHARP & TOLLEY, 1628, Hongkong, 11th October, 1875.

To Let.

A FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWN on the Praha, Wanba.

Apply to S. E. BURROWS & SONS, 1st 453 Hongkong, 20th March, 1875.

To Let.

THE Premises known as "THE WOODLANDS," newly painted and in Good Order. Apply to REMEDIOS & Co., 1st 181, Hongkong, 22nd January, 1875.

To Let.

(With Immediate Possession.) THE PREMISES on the Praha, known as Messe, DENE & Co.'s CENTRAL BUILDING, ROZARIO & Co., 1887, Hongkong, 25th October, 1875.

To Let.

With Immediate Possession.

THE HOUSES No. 7, Gough Street. Apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., 1473, Hongkong, 20th September, 1875.

To Let.

With Immediate Possession.

TWO DWELLING HOUSES and OFFICES, Nos. 14 and 16, Stanley Street, lately in the occupation of Meiss, HAYAK & Co.

Apply to T. G. LINSTEAD, 146, Hongkong, 24th September, 1875.

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THE HOUSES on Upper Mosque Terrace, All with Gas and Water laid on.

Apply to A. FIRST-CLASS GODOWN at Wan Chai of about 5,000 tons capacity.

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Notices of Firms.

HAVING resigned my situation in the Yuen Fat Hong, I have this day established myself as MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the style of "SUN GHEE & CO." 1635 Hongkong, 13th November, 1876.

THE Undersigned has been appointed AGENT at this Port for Messrs. HENRY S. KING & CO., of London. OFFICE—No. 6, Stanley Street.

W. H. NOTLEY. of 1755 Hongkong, 24th October, 1874.

NIGHTINGALE.

We have established ourselves at this Port as SHIP CHANDLERS, SAIL-MAKERS, and GENERAL STOREKEEPERS, under the firm of HEUERMANN, HERST, & CO. F. W. HEUERMANN, E. HERST.

13, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 1st November, 1875. [No. 1619]

THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY, FOR 1876,

(With which will be incorporated the CHINA DIRECTORY).

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Daily Press Office, November 22nd, 1875.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 27TH, 1875.

THE GOVERNMENT of Japan has again lately been occupied with the question of army reform. In turning its attention to this matter, it has no doubt been mainly influenced by the demand recently made by SHIMIZU SARURO that the new system of recruiting the army should be abandoned, and the samurai be henceforth regarded as the natural and sole defenders of the country.

This demand was not only unusual but unreasonable, and as such the Government wisely resisted it. By allowing the power of the sword to remain with one class, the Government would endanger its existence, and render a return to the old feudal system more than a possibility. It would have been most impolitic for any Government to acquiesce in a request, which if granted, would have had the effect of suspending above it a Damocles' sword. Not only would every element of stability be taken from it, but it would render good government difficult, vigorous measures impossible. The wheels of reform could not have been more effectually scuttled than by hearkening to the voice of the leader of the turbulent

samurai. But fortunately for its own sake, and happily for the people, the Government of Japan saw the danger, and not only firmly resisted the demand but resorted to a decided step intended to counteract and overcome it.

The proclamation of December 1872, in re-establishing and distributing a proclamation of December, 1872, restoring to the common people the right to serve in the army.

This proclamation sets forth that the ancient feudal system having been abolished, it had become necessary to give the poorer classes liberty of action, and one step towards this end would be the amalgamation of the soldiery and peasantry. It was further enacted that the people all owed obligations to the State, and that all were equal in the eyes of the law, the manner of requiring these obligations should be the same. "Given a country," proceeds the proclamation, "there must be a military establishment; if there be a military establishment, the nation must take service in it; therefore, if the question be studied, it will be seen that a law whereby soldiers are drawn from all ranks of the people, is a self-evident and natural principle, and no law founded on hasty conjecture. And in the establishment of such a law the past and present must be examined, and selection made from both, and a system must be drawn up which shall be suited to the occasion."

After commenting on the military systems in other countries, and remarking that as their forms of Government and geographical features differed from those of Japan, their laws could not be adopted in their entirety, the document continues:—"The valuable portions of foreign systems will accordingly be selected and applied, to meet deficiencies in our military system; the two branches of navy and army will be established, and all youths throughout the country, belonging to the four classes of the people, of twenty years of age, will be enrolled on the military register, and held in readiness to meet any emergency which may occur." There is no doubt that for Japan a general conscription is the wisest policy. It has never found favour in England, it is true, but nearly all the other nations of Europe have had recourse to it, and Great Britain would, but for her insular position, have been compelled to follow their example. Without entering into the question of the best means of maintaining an efficient military organisation, it may be broadly asserted that a general conscription will answer best in Japan. The Government should rule the army, not the army the Government. If the MIKADO's administration were to permit the policy of the samurai to obtain the ascendancy in their councils, they would speedily lose all power.

What the Japanese Government has got to remember is that the *animus* of the common people are the real bone and sinew of the Empire. The aristocracy should not be extinguished, but they must not be entrusted with too much power. If they were allowed their way the nation would soon be treading the path of retrogression, and all the progress which has been made since the Revolution will be carefully obliterated. In dealing with this question, the Government has had to grapple with the whole force of a class deeply interested in the preservation of privileges which their ancestors have enjoyed for ages past. It is because these privileges and rights are ennobled by the new footing on which the army has been placed that the Government is experiencing so much trouble from the samurai. The feudal

system in Japan was not unlike those prevailing in England and France a few centuries back. And it had the same evil effect. It was fatal to the liberty of the people; it rendered good government impossible. The question of army organisation affects the position of Japan towards foreign countries is of comparatively little moment; what is of real importance is that under no pretence should the nobles be suffered to again monopolise the control of the forces. The struggle for supremacy has commenced, and will probably prove severe. The Government may avoid it by ploughing into a foreign war, for which the conduct of the Cossacks has supplied a tolerable pretext. If instead of doing so, it decides to face the dangers to be apprehended from the discontent of the most powerful class in the Empire, and steadily pursues a policy of wholesale reform in the civil and military services, by which the abolition of the samurai may be kept effectively in check, it will deserve the success which usually attends such courageous conduct. But a war with Corea would only put off the evil day, without, perhaps, lessening the danger when it came.

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POLICE INTELLIGENCE, 2000 WORDS.

BEFORE THE HON. C. MAY.

G. Shaw, a seaman, was charged with being drunk and disorderly, and assaulting his master.

The prisoner admitted the charge and said he was very willing to pay the jar he broke.

Fined 20 cents, and ordered to make amends to his master.

R. McFadyen, a seaman, was charged with being drunk and refusing to pay his share.

He was fined 50 cents, and ordered to pay the court 50 cents.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY'S CONCERT.

On Thursday evening the above Society gave their first concert of the season, in the Hall.

There was a good house, and the concert proved in every way successful, though one or two disappointments owing to the indisposition of two of the principal vocalists preventing their attendance had to be submitted to.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

Mr. SASOON seconded.

The meeting then terminated.

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THE "WAX-WORKING" OF POPULAR PREACHERS IN AMERICA.

"The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher," says a transatlantic paper, "is the honour of being the most prominently wax-worked man in existence, or indeed who has ever lived. It is commented that he has been operated upon in what would be called 'the wax-work' of the country. He has been exhibited at the Crystal Palace, Madame Tussaud, of London, has introduced his money and robust effigy to the admiration of Britons." It appears that "amongst the religious personages Spurgeon is not bid; but Cardinal MacCloskey is rapidly rising in favour, though not yet in the arena of war, neither of these two have reached the exceptional calibre of Brigham Young, the 'Mormon' Nasar, or even the Rev. Mr. Parker. Mr. S. S. S. M. Savery has been undeservedly neglected, but we are glad to hear will soon be successfully waxed in a greater number of impresses than these. Clockwork will also be applied to some of their figures. Mr. Moody will softly wail about his band, as if addressing an audience; and Mr. Stanley will at intervals throw back his head and open his mouth."

A CONCURRENCE.

"An Extra-Liberal of the United States Navy" writes to us from Leeds, "—Arrived but very recently from America, I was painfully startled yesterday in reading from a half-toned and mutilated copy of *The Times* the names of 'Harriet Lane' and 'Wainwright'—names so familiar to the American public that generation will come and go ere they will be forgotten, yet are now added to the outbreak of the Civil War. The names of these exalted ladies were one of the Government's trophies, designed for service as a Revenue cruiser and Government yacht, and was christened the Harriet Lane. Upon the arrival of the Prince of Wales in America, the Government assigned the Harriet Lane as the vessel specially selected to carry the Prince and his suite in his tour of observation. She had been named in honour of Miss Harriet Lane, the daughter of Prince Buchanan, and at that time member of the White House. It was the steamer Harriet Lane that carried the Prince from Washington to Mount Vernon, the Potowmack, the grave of George Washington. At the outbreak of the war the Harriet Lane was turned over to the Navy Department for service, and she participated in the battles of Hampton Roads on the coast; the bombardments of the forts on the Mississippi below New Orleans, serving in the latter engagements as flagship of Commodore Porter's division—in Admiral Farragut's fleet. Subsequently the Harriet Lane was ordered to the Confederate states, after some hard fighting, recapturing the Harriet Lane by the board, and here she was captured a second and terrible hand-to-hand encounter. Blood ran from her engines like water. Commander Wainwright and nearly all the officers and crew of the Harriet Lane were killed in defending the vessel. At early dawn her flag was hauled down by the Confederates and their own substituted in its place. She was never again seen as a United States cruiser."—Times.

CRICKET IN ENGLAND IN 1875.

The chief characteristic of the season now at an end may be said to have been the exhibition of first-class bowling, and it might almost be said that the supremacy of the ball over the bat. The weather has had an incalculable influence in bringing about this feature. The most popular matches played during the season are undoubtably those between the Gentlemen and Players, the Universities, and Eton and Harrow. The Professionals and Amateurs, according to the custom of the day, few years, played three matches at Lord's, and at the Oval. The Oval match, interrupted early in the rain, was drawn in favour of the Players; but at Lord's the Gentlemen won easily. At Prince's, where the Gentlemen had but a weak team, the Players scored a win, and thus the tide of success, which till the season of 1874 had set so strongly in favour of the former for many years, to say but have been for many years. In addition to these, the Gentlemen of the South beat the Players of the North, but the Players of the North beat the Gentlemen of the South. It must be remarked, however, that in the latter match the Amateurs team was anything but representative, while that of the Professionals was as strong as any that could be brought into the field. On the whole there can be little doubt that the Gentlemen are still a stronger body than the Professionals, and every prospect to their continuing to be so, at least for some time to come. The University contest was looked forward to with unusual interest, as the matches they had won against first-class elevens fairly led to the belief that they were unusually strong teams and very evenly matched. Oxford had beaten the M.C.C. and Ground, the Gentlemen of England, and Middlesex, and the University of Cambridge, the M.C.C. and Ground, the Gentlemen of England, and Surrey on two occasions; and by a curious coincidence the only defeats the Dark or Light Blues had experienced were cast in their return matches with the M.C.C.—"The 'ups and downs' of the match at Lord's, the constant suspension of the play owing to the rain and sudden state of the ground, and the difficulty of getting the ball to travel, were of excitement as great as any which I have seen." Goldie's year made the game a most exciting one. The Hox and Harrow match was a large number of persons, composed to a great extent of the élite of the fashionable world gathered together within the circumscribed precincts of Lord's than on any previous occasion, and the most miserable weather whatever features of the game, a cricketing festival.

But the matches which created the most genuine and intelligent interest in the cricketing world were those between the great circling counties. There are nine such counties, and their performances during the past season may be best represented in the following tabular form:

No. of matches	Won	Lost	Drew
Nottinghamshire	10	6	3
Yorkshire	10	6	3
Surrey	10	3	5
Sussex	8	5	2
Essex	8	3	4
Kent	8	5	1
Warwickshire	8	5	1
Middlesex	6	0	4
Derbyshire	6	2	3

To the above list might be added Hampshire and Leicestershire, the former of which had played 3 matches, won 1 and lost 3; while the latter has only played two county matches; but the result of the former is not known. The only ones to which the term "first-class" cricketing counties" can fairly apply, and the number of matches credited to each are those only which can be called bona fide "county matches." Last year Gloucestershire stood at the top of the tree, having won four and lost but one match, and her decline in the present is the most feature of inter-county cricket, to be accounted for, it is thought, by the fact that after the "three Great Games" of the life of Elstree is a long one. The same must now be given to Nottinghamshire, which last year stood third on the list, Yorkshire the second place. Middlesex has declined, but she has been "unlucky" in addition to having played below her true form. She has never wanted but her opponents have been accustomed to hit her hard. 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